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CATSKIN MASCOTS.

PUSSY'S HIDE IN GREAT DEMAND WITH THE SUPERSTITIOUS.

Gamblers Balleve There Is Great Luck In Catskins - Some Bring Fancy Prices, While Others Are Dirt Cheap-A Chicago Dealer Who Knows All About It.

What in the world do you do with wown dealer in furs in

"Sell 'em," sententiously rep!

"Don't fret yourself about that, my son. Buyers are plentiful. All classes of people call for 'em, but they are in demand chiefly among gamblers a for many of them parted this life before very superstitious class—who wear 'em silver dellars were imported into China for good luck."

"Are any colors declared off?" "Decidedly so. The greatest virtue lies in those of Stygian blackness—nato meet this demand. He transforms tabbies, tortoise, gray. Maltese and all other off shades into jet black. Still, as you see, we carry all colors, because tastes will vary, you know."
"What use do the sporting gentry

find for the pelts?"

"The orthodox and accepted fashion is that of wearing the skin next to the chest, the hair nestling against the man's epidermis. Must be charming in summer

Superstition and fashion take pretty strong hold on people. Seriously, I am telling you the simple truth. I know gamblers whose names are familiar to you who would sooner appear upon the streets in the decollete garb of an African doko than divest themselves of their precious catskin charm. Why should you be surprised?" added the

furrier, who is somewhat of an antiquarian. "The Egyptians worshiped the cat, the animal from which our fethat virtue lies in its integument. The garments of departed safets, as well as their bones, teeth and nail parings, are declared to have benling in them, and millions of good souls devoutly believe

'Oh, Chicago, Chicago, with the "What is the matter with you? Why, the practice of wearing the skins is by no means local. On the contrary, we supply the trade at New Orleans, Atlanta, Galveston, San Francisco, Portland. New York, Baltimore, Philadelphia and cultured Boston even. My father sold catskins 50 years ago."

"Are their virtues restricted to the realms of dice and cards alone?" By no means. All classes of people wear them. Only yesterday a law-yer—a regular sober side of a fellow, who is said to be in training for a judgeship, bought the finest skin in the collection, paying me \$3 for it. Yes, he said he wanted it for a friend, and be did-his very dearest friend-him-

"What becomes of the old ones, for suppose they finally wear out?" Why, to be sure, tike all things earthly. Their owners wear out, despite their reputed nine lives. Then they sometimes lose their efficacy. Let a gambler have an uncommon run of ill luck, and he makes a scapegoat of his fetich. With many incantations he consigns it to the flames, for it would the hands of another so long as he is living. This would mean the fortune of the new possessor and the irretrievable ruin of the other fellow.

"Many gamblers," continued the furrier, 'possess several skins, One I know has one for each day of the week, and he is most careful to make no mistake in the wearing of them. His Tuesday, and his Saturday wear would cripple his Friday plans. Such blun-ders could only be corrected by boodoo doctors of skill."

'You romance well." "I maintain the truth of all I say. You have your superstitions and I have companion from the beginning. Away back in the orient the cat's presence marks man's home. Its virtues are strong enough to win and hold the affection of woman, and that's more than many men can boast. But I do not defend the superstition.

What are those black ones worth,

"They range from \$1.75 to \$2.75. replied: "It is the only revenge which I The dyed ones are lower, and I can pick wish to take for his treatment of me. you out a good one for about \$1.25 to | However, it is terrible. What a punish-\$1.50. Perhaps a gray or spotted one would suit you. Here's one a bit off to be obliged to live with an ignorant that I'd sell you for 75 cents. While it and pedantic chatterer! I know him. He may not have the virtue of a prime will not be able to support this annoy black, it might do well as a starter."

"Haven't I said that people guard Review. gambler dies no one would touch his eavings, but when a rich or lucky one goes off there's a rush among the fra-ternity for his catskin. It hasn't been so very long ago that a knight of the card table in this city made a journey to New Orleans solely for the purpose of pessessing himself of a peculiarly lucky skin left by a gambler who had recently died, and he paid a good round sum for it too. But the demand is steady with the card of the ca steady with ns, and prices hold good. To be sure they are tanned, and well tanned too, but the charm lies in preserving intact every hair, which, like those of the head, would seem to be all numbered. "-Chicago Tribune."

When a clumsy man has stepped on a lady's trailing skirt, before he begins to apologize he should always get off

Has the terrif on oranberries been iner aved or reduced? The State of New Queen Victoria a fine large lion for a Christ- confined in a castle near Munich and a mili Jersey is interested in this question.

THE RECEIPT SEALS.

Made by the Celestials to Defraud Their A correspondent of The North China Herald, writing from the interior of Kiangsu province, mentions that one of the industries there is the manufacture of mock money for offering to the dead. bile Others Are Dirt Cheap—A ChicaDealer Who Knows All About It.

What in the world do you do with
those catakins?" inquired a reother places have come to the conclusion that dollars are more handy to the ghosts than clumsy paper money; hence they now, to a great extent, supply their ancestors and departed friends with mock dollars. These are only half the size of real dollars, but there appears to be no more harm in cheat-ing the dead than there is in cheating silver dollars were imported into China. A bundred mock carolus dollars, done

The operation of making this money ture's own dyeing. Art is deceiving as blocks of tin which are melted down well as long, and we call in the dyer and then poured between boards lined is interesting. First of all there are Deserters from both armies added with Chinese paper, and when the upper board is pressed down on the lower a thickness of tin remains. This is lessly subjected to every variety of innext cut up into strips 4 inches long, sult and outrage. A remedy was need-one wide and an eighth of an inch ed for this insufferable state of things, thick. Some 10 of these strips are a remedy that should at once strike placed evenly together, one on top of ceeds to hammer them out till he has sion." Colonel Lynch was the man to 3 feet long and a foot broad and so thin He succeeded in organizing a body of that they are not thicker than the thinnest paper. This is next pasted on comeardboard, which is then cut with a punching machine to the size of half dollars, and this having been done a proceeded to put them into execution. boy takes the cut out pieces in hand and with two dies, one representing the | ly got upon the track of the unsuspectone side and the other the reverse, hammers impressions of dollars on them,

and the money is ready for use. practice of cheating the gods is record to a tree and hanged or tied to a stake ed in the same journal, but from quite and shot, as is now done under the per ince have lately been ravaged by an nel Lynch and his followers. epidemic, so that in many places the So far from such a lawless procedure people were unable to attend to the har-vesting of the crops. An attempt was over which he presided as judge. The then made to deceive the gods by "playing at" New Year's day and pretending that Sept. I was the first day of the and to show cause, if, he could, why he new year. Every preparation for celebrating the bogus new year was made, such as burning firecrackers and pasting happy sentences in red paper on the doors. The object was to make the god of sickness think that be had made a mistake in the seasons and had erred in bringing an epidemic on the people at a time when no epidemics in the course of nature should appear. As any action contrary to nature done by the gods is liable to punishment by the king of heaven, the actors in this farce thought that the god of sickness would gather his evil spirits back to him for fear of the displeasure of his superior divinity. This child's play received the permission and co-operation of the local au-

They select a stake of dry, soft wood this they slice off a few chips in one place, so as to make a flat surface for rubbing. The stake is then placed on the ground in front of the operator, between his toes. He then takes a piece of hard wood, shaped like a pencil, and holding it with both hands begins rubbing up and down the soon formed in the stake and a dark colored dust, which is pushed to the end of the groove. By and by this dust begins to smolder. Next a piece of dried touchwood is applied and blown up until it glows. In this way, and with perfectly dried wood, a native will produce fire in something less than a minute. But the art is not easily learned, and a European who lived on the island for some time says that although he had tried until his shoulder ached he was never able to produce more than smoke, New York World.

may say, St non e vero e ben trovato leyrand. It was resolved that each of the allied powers should designate a commissioner charged with the surveil-

Talleyrand proposed to the king for this office M, de Montchenn, described as "an insupportable bubbler, a com-plete nonentity." On being asked why he had selected this man, Talleyrand ance. It will make him ill, and he will die of it by slow degrees. "-Edinburgh

A Scandinavian fish peddler, unfamil iar with our language, was thrashing his horse while driving down the street. A lady belonging to the Society For the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals stop-ped him and exclaimed, "Have you no mercy, sir?"
"No, ma'am," replied the peddler,

with a strong Scandinavian accent, only codfish and halibut."-Woman's

Answered.

I heard a good story the other di about a matrimonial agency. An elder-ly men had three daughters, who ruled him with a rod of iron. Weary of their tyranny, he advertised in a paper for a the star of Wyoming. While they are wife. Next day he received three re-plies one from each of the daughters! third star for Kansas, to be added next

His Loftiness, the Emir of Nupe has sent

CHINESE MOCK MONEY.

It Began Is Virginia and Was Neither Vio lent Nor Mobilks. Lynch law had its origin in Virginia according to the conclusions of a gentleman who has been investigating the early history of that state. It was not

mob law, as it is now inderstood. It was orderly, methodical and fair in its processes and was strongly opposed to violence or mob rule. Its distinctive feeture was simply that its decrees and indings were executed sternly and swiftly upon the spot of their delivery. Charles Lynch, whose name is assonow known as acts of "lynch law," the war ended took up his residence in

ORIGIN OF LYNCH LAW

Pittsylvania county. The region in which he lived became at one period of the Revolution infested by bands of Tories and outlaws, whose depredations upon the defenseloss people extended from the lower parts of North Carolina and Virginia to the passes of the Blue Ridge and the headwaters of the James and other mountain streams, strength and semblance of organization to their operations. Wherever they appeared the terror stricken inhabitants were plundered, harassed and mercisuch terror to these miscreunts as ther, and one end is held between | would relieve a community already sufngers, when the workman pro- fering from the effects of hostile inva-

acter and standing Having laid his plans before them ing enemy, captured many and caused the others to fice from the country. When any of these outlaws fell into Another very curious instance of the his bands, they were not taken at once pears that districts of the Anhui prov- was not according to the code of Colo-

captives were tried separately, the accosed allowed to make his own defense should not be punished. If found guilty, the punishment was inflicted on the spot. The general impression has been that in all cases of lynch law the penalty was death. This is a mistake. A writer who knew Colonel Lynch wel was assured by him that he never will ingly condemned a criminal to canita ingly condemned a criminal to capital punishment: that prisoners were fre-quently let off with a severe flogging and then liberated on condition that they would leave the country .- New York Herald.

In one account of Rome, the author mentions five or six slabs of elastic marble as being in the possession of the Prince Borghese. Being set on end, they bend backward and forward; when laid horizontally and raised at end, they form a curve; if placed on a table and a piece of wood or any other subtance is laid under them, they fall into kind of curve, each end touching the table. The Abbe Fortis was told that they were dug up near the town of Mondragon in the kingdom of Naples. The grain is like that of fine Carrara mar-ble, or perhaps of the finest Greek. They seem to have suffered some attack of fire. A slab of marble similar in every respect to those described and highly polished has been exhibited for more than 25 years at the British museum. M. Fleuvian de Belvae succeeded in making common granular limeflexible, by exposing it to a certain degree of heat. In Lincoln cathedral, England, there is an arch built of white marble which is quite elastic, yielding to a heavy tread and returning or rebounding to its original position on true elastic principles.—Brooklyn Eagle.

The great attraction of Kamakura approach it through a three lined avenue and get the first and best view of it at a distance of some 200 feet. It is a sitting figure, 49 feet 7 inches high, 97 feet 2 inches in circumference. The eyes, which are pure gold, are nearly 2 feet long. The circumference of the thumb is 3 feet. These figures give some idea of the size, and the figure is elevated on a stone platform some 12 to 15 feet above the person approaching idea of the majesty of the face. It is bent gently forward as if in brooding contemplation of the infinite. It represents perfect peace—the repose of the attained Nirvana.—Boston Herald.

at Brussels. One part of the display consisted of a car containing an organ layed by a bear. There were no piper to the instrument, but a number of cats, each inclosed in a narrow cage, an-

swered the purpose. They were so arranged that when the bear touched the keys of the organ the cats' tails were pulled, and the result was anything but choice music, to say nothing of the cruelty thus practiced on the poor ani-mals.—Brussels Correspondent. Now the political equality clubs are busy sewing on to their equal suffrage flags a second star for Colorado, besides

fall. - Woman's Journal. King Oco, the mad King of Bavaria, is LINES TO A CYNIC.

He dally trod the ways of busy men, Silent, serene; and in the city's mart They often marked his placid features, They could not read the anguish Inscrutable, and grave of mien, to all Save me he seemed a man of mark

wrought,
But I, I knew his caim was but a pall
Wherewith to shroud the skeleton of
thought,
Was not his secret writ upon his brow,
In one sharp symbol, pitifully plain?
That furrow was not turned by Time's dult

her a sword cut dealt by deathless pair

Ordering a Dinner. The average American citizen is won-erfully deficient in knowledge of what se can get to eat. He falls down when it comes to ordering a dinner. The great majority of people in this country are brought up frugally at home and do not know anything but the common est dishes. The consequence is that when a man goes into a restaurant for dinner or to a hotel he gazes helplessly at the bill of fare and sees many things 595 Broad St., ponent parts. He dares not order anything that he is not sure of, for fear of ridicule, and he falls back on roast beef and mashed potatoes. The fact is he doesn't know anything but roast

Same way in a restaurant. When waiter shoves a bill of fare under a man's nose nine times out of ten he will look it over and then say, "Gimme a steak and some fried potatoes." Now. the man who does this, and nearly every one of us does do it day after day, doesn't want roast beef. He is sick unto death of steaks and fried potatoes. He loathes ham and eggs, and yet he keeps on ordering them in dreary and dyspeptic succession, because he doesn't know any better, and he is too proud most of you. - Buffalo Express.

DEAR SIR—I beg to call your atten-tion to the remarkable reply made by the editor of The Broad Arrow in the issue of that paper of Sept. 23 to an inquiry regarding the "Brown regimental wire. gun" (sic), page 401, to wit:
"The Brown gun is an American in-

vention, and 'regimental wire gun' is an Americanism which we take to mean a gun to accompany a regiment or bat talion in the field.—Ed. B. A." The Brown segmental wire gun is so called because the tube is made of segmental shaped barn of steel second which it is a tension. The gun is 5 inch caliber and 44 calibers long. Its working pressure is said to be 50,000 pounds per square inch. It could be used as "a gun to accompany a battalion in the field" only by the horse marines. Perhaps the editor of the Broad Arrow had that gallant body in mind.—Newport (R. I.) Cor. London Truth.

The wisest Indian philosophy has never boggled, like ours, over that silly word "supernatural." The Upanishad says, "What is in the visible exists also in the invisible, and what is in Brahm's world is also bere." The ultimate, albeit unreachable, is as real to the Asiatic mind as rice, and in the Bhagavad-Gita Arjuna is actually per-mitted to behold the embodied infinite. Indeed it is rather this present existence which India regards as the illusion, the maya. To see the stars we must wait for night, and to live we must die. Nor is it uninteresting to note in Hin-doo classics how those large and happy serenities of oriental view have softened personifications of death, -Sir Edwin

Commodore Vanderbilt was a friend of the late Dr. Deems, and one was about as clerical looking as the other. The two were riding in a Fourth avenucar one day, when two drunken men got in. One of the newcomers swore, and his companion reproved him for such conduct in the presence of a parson. The offender thereupon, turning not to Dr. Deems, but to the old commodore, said, "You think I'm going to hell, don't you?" "No," said the com-modore; "I hope not," and drunkard No. 2 said with conviction in reply to a glance of triumph from his friend, "He must be a Universalist."—New

Wealthy Merchant (at an evening party Gentlemen, we will not allow this festive occasion to pass away without remembering the poor. In one of my houses there lives a poor clerk whom I shall have to evict tomorrow unless he can pay his arrears of rent by then. Fritz, hand a plate round.—

A cigar smoker, or a cigarette holder, or a new or freshly burned clay pipe, in point of safety and cleanliness, is far superior to putting mouth to weed in smoking, and one's whole mouth and throat should be thoroughly cleaned with water after every smoke.

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